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MEMORANDUM FOR THE VICE PRESIDENT

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SUBJECT: National Terrorism Advisory System

Purpose

To enhance the security of the American public by reaffirming the need for a strong and effective Homeland Security Advisory System (HSAS), hereinafter referred to as the National Terrorism Advisory System (NTAS).

Policy

There shall be established an NTAS with the following guiding principles:

- A system in which the American public can have confidence;

- Advisories that contain clear and concise language, readily understandable by the American public;
- Advisories that contain as detailed information as possible, without jeopardizing sources, collection methods, or an active disruption effort or investigation;
- Advisories that identify protective measures, where appropriate, that are tailored to specific sectors across the country, to include components of the Federal Government; State, local, and tribal government entities; critical infrastructure entities; and selected private sector partners;
- Advisories that have a set duration, where the information is regularly reevaluated; and
- A system that is consistent and agile, where the advisories are capable of being raised or lowered quickly and efficiently.

Requirement

Within 30 days of the date of this directive, the Secretary of Homeland Security is directed to identify an office to manage the NTAS consistent with the policy described above. The Secretary of Homeland Security shall coordinate NTAS implementation with Federal departments and agencies with a homeland security role, in consultation with other stakeholders, and the NTAS shall be implemented within 90 days of the date of this directive.

Rescission of Homeland Security Presidential Directive-3

Upon implementation of the new NTAS, Homeland Security Presidential Directive-3, signed March 11, 2002, is rescinded.